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KINGSTON JAMAICA, JULY 25--

JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY CALLED FOR AN END TO RHETORIC AND PROMPT ACTION TO REVERSE THE "RICH GET RICHER AND POOR GET POORER" TREND IN TODAY'S WORLD AT OPENING OF THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES.

REVIEWING PROGRESS IN COOPERATION IN RECENT YEARS BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE INAUGURATION OF REGIONAL MARKET-
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ING GROUPS, MANLEY SAID THE ACP COUNTRIES DO NOT "COME MORALLY

EMPTY TO THE TABLE, NOR DO WE COME AS PEOPLE WHO SEEK OUR SOLUTIONS IN OTHER PEOPLE'S GENEROSITY."

"WE ARE COMMITTED TO SELF RELIANCE AND EVEN AS WE STRUGGLE WITH THAT MOUNTAINOUS UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH MOCKS EVERY TENET OF DECENCY, EVEN AS WE GRAPPLE WITH THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD INFLATION, IN WHOSE STORMS SOME OF US NEARLY FOUNDERED LAST YEAR, WE PROCEED WITH PRIDE PROPOSING NOTHING THAT IS NOT SUPPORT BY THE LOGIC OF JUSTICE, ASKING NOTHING THAT MUST REST UPON GENEROSITY.

"WE HAVE WATCHED FOR YEARS WHILE WE PAID MORE AND MORE FOR PROCESSED FOODS AND MANUFACTURED GOODS. WE HAVE WATCHED VAST ACCUMULATIONS OF WEALTH OUT OF THE EXPLOITATION OF OUR MINERAL RESOURCES. AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WE HAVE WATCHED OUR EFFORTS TO PROGRESS CONDEMNED BY THE SYSTEM TO A SEEMINGLY PERMANENT WALK UP THE DOWN ESCALATOR," MR. MANLEY SAID.

FOLLOWING MR. MANLEY'S ADDRESS, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACP MINISTER COUNCIL, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER OF SENEGAL, M. BABACAR BA, RESPONDED WITH EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE JAMAICAN GOVT'S HOSPITALITY. THE ACP/EEC DELEGATES THEN WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE REMAINING TWO DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF M. BA'S REMARKS:

"JE TRADUIRAI ENCORE UN SENTIMENT UNANIMEMENT PARTAGE, EN DISANT A M. LE PRESIDENT EN EXERCISE DU CONSEIL DE MINISTRES DES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES, COMBIEN NOUS SOMMES SENSIBLES AS SA PRESENCE ET A SA PARTICIPATION -- A LA TETE D'UNE EMINENT DELEGATION, A NOTRE RECONTRE D'AUJOURD'HUI. NOS RECENTS CONTACTS A PARIS, M'AUTORISENT A TEMOIGNER PERSONNELLEMENT DE VOTRE SOUCE DE COMPRENDRE NOS PREOCCUPATIONS QUI SONT -- VOUS LE SAVEZ -- DE DONNER UNE IMPLULSION NOUVELLE A CES NEGOCIATIONS EN VUE D'ABOUTIR, DAN LES DELAIS FIXES, A UN ACCORD D'ASSOCIATION, TENANT LE PLUS GRAND COMPTE POSSIBLE DES INTERETS, DE TOUS LES INTERETS, DES ETATS ASSOCIES ET ASSOCIABLES UN MARCH COMUN.

"UN TEL ETAT D'ESPRIT NOUS PARAIT EN TOUS CAS DE BON AUGURE PUR LE DEROULEMENT DE NOS TRAVAUX, PUISQU'AUSSI BIEN NOUS AVONS, D'UN COMMUN ACCORD, DECIDE DE DISCUTER A KINGSTON, DE L'ESSENTIEL.

"C'EST DIRE COMBIEN NOUS SOUHAITONS CONNAITRE DE VOUS ET DE LA DELEGATION QUI VOUS ACCOMPAGNE, LES ORIENTATION DEGAGEES PAR LES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES SUR LES PROBLEMES FONDAMENTAUX, AU' ENSEMBLE NOUS AVIONS IDENTIFIES A PARIS ET QUI COMMANDENT -- NUL UNCLASSIFIED

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N'EN DOUTE -- LA PORTEE ET LA SIGNIFICATION MEME DE NOTRE FUTUR REGIME D'ASSOCIATION.

"NOTRE OPTIMISM RAISONNE SE FONDE TOUT A LA FOIS SUR NOTRE VOLONTE COMMUNE D'ABOUTIR ET SUR LA CONSIDERATION REALISTE DE LA CONJONCTURE TRES PARTICULIERE ET A TOUS EGARDS, DIFFICILE, QUE TRAVERSE LE MONDE, AU MOMENT OU S'ENGAGENT, DE MANIERE DECISIVE, NOS NEGOCIATIONS.

"CES DIVERSES CONSIDERATIONS ME CONDUISENT A RESUMER AINSI NOS

POSITIONS ET NOS ESPOIRE: NOUS DEMANDONS AUX COMMUNAUTES EURO-
PEENNES LE POSSIBLE, MAIS TOUT LES POSSIBLE. AINSI, LE REALISME N'EXO
LUT
A NOS YEUX, NI L'AUDACE DANS LA RECHERCHE DES SOLUTIONS, NI LA
VOLONTE POLITIQUE DE S'ATTAQUER AU VRAIS PROBLEMES."
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